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ALLON MEETING WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO U.S. SEEM LIKELY

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(EXCERPT) FOREIGN MINISTER YIGAL ALLON IS LIKELY TO MEET

WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, ANATOLY DOBRYNIN, WHEN HE ARRIVES IN THE UNITED STATES AT THE END OF THIS WEEK. THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A MEETING WAS DISCUSSED IN JERUSALEM AND IN CONTACTS BETWEEN JERUSALEM AND THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. IF THIS MEETING IS HELD IT WILL BE A CONTINUATION

OF THE POLITICAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

THESE CONTACTS BEGAN ABOUT 2 WEEKS AGO IN SECRET MEETINGS HELD WITH TWO SOVIET EMISSARIES, WHO HAD ARRIVED IN ISRAEL ESPECIALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE. AS HA'AREZ REPORTED THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, THE EMISSARIES MET WITH PRIME MINISTER YIZHAK RABIN, DEFENSE MINISTER SHIM'ON PERES, AND MINISTER ALLON.

IN THE TALKS WITH THE SOVIET EMISSARIES IT WAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO CONTINUE THE POLITICAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN THE SECRET MEETINGS IN ISRAEL THE TWO SIDES CONCENTRATED ON THE EXAMINATION OF POSITIONS WITHOUT REACHING ANY AGREEMENTS.

THE ISRAELI MINISTERS GOT THE IMPRESSION FROM THE EMISSARIES' STATEMENTS THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE RECONVENING AND SUCCESS OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND THAT MOSCOW WILL BE READY TO MODERATE ITS POSITIONS TO A CERTAIN DEGREE TO INSURE THIS. THREE ELEMENTS IN THIS RESPECT HAVE BECOME OBVIOUS:

1. IT WAS POSSIBLE TO GET THE IMPRESSION FROM THE EMISSARIES' STATEMENTS THAT THE KREMLIN WILL NOT INSIST ON TOTAL ISRAEL WITHDRAWAL TO THE 4 JUNE 1967 BORDERS. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS CLEAR THAT MOSCOW WILL INSIST ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN THE 6-DAY WAR, BUT MAY AGREE TO INSIGNIFICANT BORDER ADJUSTMENTS.

2. WITH REGARD TO ISRAEL'S FEARS, IT SEEKS THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE PREPARED TO ABANDON ITS POLICY REGARDING INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES AND MAKE INDEPENDENT SOVIET GUARANTEES. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD AGREE TO WORK, TOGETHER WITH THE UNITED STATES, TO LIMIT THE AREA

PAGE IN THE PAPER TO A LEVEL AGREED UPON IN ADVANCE.

3. AS PERTAINING TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PALESTINIAN IN THE CONFERENCE, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE PLO DOES NOT WANT TO HAVE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE AS AN INDEPENDENT BODY AND WILL SUPPORT THE POSSIBILITY OF ITS INCLUSION IN ANOTHER FRAMEWORK. THE HA'AREZ REPORTER COMMENTS THAT THIS POSSIBILITY IS NOT NEW, AND WAS RECENTLY RAISED BY PRESIDENT AB-SARAT. THIS METHOD FOR PLO'S PARTICIPATION WOULD ALSO BE CONVENIENT TO YASIR 'ARAFAT, WHO FINDS IT DIFFICULT FOR THE PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE AS AN INDEPENDENT BODY BECAUSE OF INTERNAL OPPOSITION IN THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION WHICH HE LEADS.

THE QUESTION OF THE SOVIET EMISSARIES' SECRET MEETINGS IN ISRAEL WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN MINISTER ALONI AND U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER. IN THIS RESPECT, IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE REPORT WAS PUBLISHED IN HA'AREZ, THE STATE DEPARTMENT DISPLAYED MUCH INTEREST IN IT AND REQUESTED FURTHER DETAILS BOTH FROM THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE U.S. EMBASSY IN ISRAEL. IT IS ASSUMED IN JERUSALEM THAT THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE WILL SEEK ALL THE DETAILS OF THE MEETINGS TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH ISRAEL'S INTENTIONS REGARDING THEIR RESOLUTION. THE ASSESSMENT IN JERUSALEM IS THAT KISSINGER IS AFRIED THAT THESE CONTACTS, IF THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL, WILL MAKE THE SOVIET UNION THE PRINCIPAL FACTOR IN GENEVA. THEREFORE, THE POSSIBILITY IS NOT RULED OUT THAT, AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, DR. KISSINGER WILL STEP UP HIS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT BEFORE THE CONFERENCE IS RECONVENED.

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